medium irrigation projects in the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan and during 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93, the disbursements of external assistance were as follows:-

Seventh Five Year Plan—US $ 1211.22 million.

1990-91 . . . US $ 238.05 million

1991-92 . . . US $ 275.59 million

1992-93 . . . US $ 215.10 million

(b) to (d) As regards utilisation of assistance, there have been some instances of under utilisation of the external assistance in some projects. The main reasons for this are:—

(i) Initial slippage in the implementation of the project.

(ii) Delay in declaring loan/credit effectiveness by the World Bank on account of satisfactory action plan on resettlement and rehabilitation.

(iii) Delay in approval of Local Competitive Bidding and International Competitive Bidding packages by the World Bank.

(iv) State Government's financial crunch.

(v) Untimely release of allotted funds to the projects.

(vi) Subsequent cut in annual plan tion of the project.

(vii) Delay in finalisation of model bidding documents.

(viii) Imposition of certain conditions viz. carrying out studies etc. by the World Bank during the course of implementation of the project.

(ix) Ban on procurement imposed by the World Bank.

(x) Natural calamities.

(xi) Appreciation of donor currencies in terms of rupees.

Setting up of pulichintala project in A.P.

1205. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a proposal for constitution of Pulichintala Project; and

(b) if so, at what stage of consideration is the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The modified report on Pulichintala Project at an estimated cost of Rs. 269 crores has been received in July, 1993. After examination Central Water Commission has communicated observations on irrigation planning and foundation engineering to the State Govt. The State Government is required to comply with the observations of the Central Water Commission.

बिहार में कुट्कू (मंडल) बांध का निर्माण

1206. **श्री ब्रह्म देव आनन्द पासवान :** क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बिहार के पलामू जिले में स्थित कुटकू (मंडल) बांध के निर्माण के मामले में पर्यावरण की दृष्टि से अनिवार्य आठ शर्तों का पालन किया गया है;

(ख) क्या उक्त बांध के निर्माण में 20,000 एकड़ में फैला सघन जंगल बांध में डूब रहा है;

(ग) क्या बांध में गाद के जमाव तथा भूक्षरण को रोकने के लिए उपाय किये गये हैं;

(घ) क्या कुट्कू बांध में डूबे 27 गांवों के विस्थापित लोगों को कोई मुआवजा दिया गया है;